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BUILDING BATTLESHIPS.

Bids have just been asked by the navy department for two new superdreadnoughts which were authorized by the last session of congress and according to the estimates submitted the department is inclined to favor the construction of the warships in government yards. In all cases, however, where bids were submitted, there were stipulations in regard to time allowance for the completion of the contract and in no case was it less than 34 months and in others it was as high as 40 months. That of course means that it would be a matter of three years or more before the vessels which have already been authorized could be completed.

The vessels to be built are to be the largest of anything in the navy. They will follow somewhat closely the general lines of the California, which is now being built, but being larger ships, both in length and width, and carrying heavier armor and more big guns, they will exceed anything in their line now existing in the navy of the world.

That it will, however, require three years to build them gives some idea not only as to the amount of labor that is involved, but more particularly does it indicate the limited facilities for handling such contracts and turning out a statement as to whether the work is done in government or private yards. It likewise gives an inkling as to the amount of time that will be required in carrying out the program for bringing the navy up to the proper state of preparedness in the event of a war. The session of congress which opens next week. It is quite evident that naval additions of the superdreadnought type cannot be turned out at a moment's notice.

THE NATION'S FINANCES.

If Secretary McAdoo thought that he was going to clear up the situation entirely by his recent statement concerning the financial condition of the treasury and the setting forth of the requirements for meeting the nation's needs with such a statement as the basis, he must realize from the attacks which have been made thereon that he did not succeed, or that he must make another effort before he can overcome some of the points which have been raised by his critics.

Mr. McAdoo holds that there is a balance in the treasury of \$120,000,000 which in itself is an admission that there is a shrinkage of \$30,000,000 from the condition of the treasury when the republican administration handed affairs over to the democrats, but according to Senator Smoot the actual balance in the treasury is but \$2,000,000 and the other \$117,000,000 which Mr. McAdoo claims is there exists only through the juggling of the books.

Still Mr. Smoot is not the only one who has raised his voice in protest against the McAdoo statement. For Congressman Kitchen, chairman of the ways and means committee and the leader of the democratic party in the house takes exception to the claim that only \$117,000,000 in new revenue is all that will be needed to meet the administration's financial requirements as indicated by its plan of action. Such new revenue would only make up approximately the difference between what Mr. McAdoo and Mr. Smoot respectively claim as the treasury balance and he fixes the new revenue which must be raised at three times the McAdoo figures, or \$330,000,000.

It may be possible to straighten out the conflicting situation to the satisfaction of all, but at the present time Mr. McAdoo's statement is as clear as mud.

NEW YORK'S LABOR LAW.

It wasn't long ago that the situation which existed in New York state because of the inability to get laborers who were citizens of this country in sufficient number to overcome serious delays in carrying on public improvements was attracting widespread attention. The employment of aliens was opposed on the ground that it was a violation of the anti-alien law of the state passed in 1909 which prohibited the employment of any but citizens on contracts involving public work.

It presented a complicated situation since there was need of hastening the work and yet there was not enough citizens who could be obtained to push it along as speedily as desired. The situation in the labor market made it necessary to continue under the unsatisfactory and slow method through observance of the law or the employ-

ment of those who were willing to do the work though they were aliens.

This led to a test of the state law, a decision upon which has just been handed down in which the constitutionality of the state labor law is upheld, the ground taken by Justice McKenna being that the state, as guardian and trustee of the people's money may prescribe the conditions upon which it will permit public work to be done, either by itself or by one of its governmental agencies, such as a city, and the equality of rights of aliens are not affected thereby, since the treaty requirements in that respect refer solely to the equality in respect to protection and security for persons and property.

Having stood the test, New York's law can now be viewed by other states as perfectly sound and not an experiment.

FOOTBALL FATALITIES.

The closing of the football season shows that the game is still responsible for a number of deaths each year, but how large a part preparedness plays in keeping down the number is indicated by the fact that of the sixteen who died from injuries received in football contests this year, only three were college players and only one could be included among the seasoned players.

The alterations in the rules of the game have resulted in an appreciable decrease in the number of fatalities. It was but a few years ago that the number reached 22 in a season, but this number has been greatly reduced in the past few years, the average for the past five seasons being thirteen and while much of this change can be attributed to the opening up of the game, there is much which is due to the early determination of the fitness of candidates to enter the game and the training which they receive for the contests which they are to enter.

This is indicated by the fact that the large proportion of the deaths occurred among members of high and preparatory school elevens or teams which were made up without regard to membership in any institution. They lacked the regard for fitness which is so important in this game and while there has been an appreciation of the danger, the number of deaths through changes in the rules it is believed that the number can be reduced still more by a careful regard for the physical condition and training of those who enter the game which at its best is not considered the safest sport for weaklings.

THE ZEALANDIA CASE.

The latest report concerning the Zealandia case, which concerns the boarding of the American vessel by a party from a British cruiser and the search for the steamer against the protest of the commander while on the part of Progress, Mexico, presents the matter in a different light. Just where the vessel was anchored it is impossible to definitely fix, but there is a variance of a half mile between the location given it by the British officials and that established by the Mexican authorities, one placing it just beyond the three mile limit and the other just inside.

It is quite evident therefore that the ship which had aroused the suspicion of the British was pretty close to the line one way or the other and the difference in distance is attributed to the manner in which the location was determined, the warship using its range finder and the Mexican authorities relying upon a sextant and with the exact anchorage lost it is impossible now to determine which distance was right.

Such being the case, it is not surprising that the present attitude of the government is to let the matter drop. Certainly it has little upon which to base a protest for the Zealandia was where the British commander claims it was it was subject to the search which was instituted and inasmuch as the matter ended there, little harm was done. The most that can be done under the circumstances is to give Great Britain warning that the forcible searching of American vessels when within territorial limits cannot be tolerated and that care must be used in seeing that such requirements are properly observed.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Some people never believe that Christmas is coming until December arrives.

Even though there has been a great drop in the price of radium, very few are adopting it as a substitute for coal.

Even if it is impossible for Colonel Bryan to accompany the Ford peace party he can at least send the dove along.

Now that Europe is to be invaded by another peace party, it is likely to make a demand for a full list of the Ford jokes.

The man on the corner says: If you are ever able to get to the point where both ends meet, allow enough for a square knot.

When Japan determines to spend \$50,000,000 on its navy next year, it is evident that it places more faith in action than in talk.

The reading public will not be satisfied until it knows just what the profit was that Billard made off his deal with the New Haven.

With the end of the gridiron season nothing stands in the way now of a long winter's discussion on the possible pennant winners for 1916.

German newspapers have been suppressed for telling of the food famine that exists. Henceforth they will be expected to swallow their hunger.

It might have been a good idea if Henry Ford had tried his peace plan on Mexico before he attempted to get the European armies out of the trenches.

Having conquered Serbia and ended its campaign there Germany will now invite the rest of the world to come to the support of the starving and tax-burdened people.

After having been exhibited at fairs and other public places, a Virginia girl of five with four legs and four arms is dead. Thankful can be the parents of that Chicago babe that it escaped such an existence.

The Maine woman who when fatally shot by a hunter who had seen a movement in the brush declared it to be her fault was altogether too generous. There can be little excuse for those who fire without first learning what the target is.

THE BEACON CALL FROM HOME

It was the last evening aboard before the ocean liner would arrive in harbor. As usual, the passengers were gay at their best, each one trying to outwit and surpass the others in the brilliant conversations and stories which were current in the grand saloon. The fair ladies in beautiful, fluffy gowns gave a cozy, light-hearted touch to the scene while the sedate and dignified black of the men's evening clothes seemed to hold in balance the scales of frivolity and seriousness. In the farthest corner of the room stood a group whose laughter and witticisms seemed to excel. At the first strains of music Louis, the man thrust his hands into his pockets and sank into a chair while the woman stood looking a moment unseeing at the throng of dizzy dancers, while she heard touch to the scene while the sedate and dignified black of the men's evening clothes seemed to hold in balance the scales of frivolity and seriousness. 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